

Ellah Ronen

Director, Strategy & Culture



Expertise

- Program Development
- Strategic Partnerships
- Project Management
- Research and Data Analysis
- Advocacy, Policy

Education

- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, MBA
- University of CA, Santa Barbara, BA-Comparative Literature, minor Women's Studies

Bio

Ellah Ronen is the Director of Strategy at Culture at DoGoodery. In her previous role as Senior Program Officer, Public Policy & Strategic Partnerships at the California Community Foundation, has seen the power public-private partnerships have in making meaningful and lasting impact for the better. Ellah co-chaired the creation of the unprecedented Los Angeles County Food Equity Round Table, ratified by the LA County Board of Supervisors, served as Strategic Liaison to the LA County Center for Strategic Partnerships, and was a Managing Funder of the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative.

As a Program Officer at the Annenberg Foundation, she led LA n Sync, a coalition of changemakers united to attract government and private funding to LA County which has resulted in over \$300M of investment to Los Angeles' most underserved areas. She is passionate about bringing together people with diverse backgrounds and common goals to leverage wisdom and talent to do good. Prior to her work in Philanthropy, Ellah was a teacher in both Israel and Ecuador at the post-secondary and university level. She has a BA in Comparative Literature from the University of CA, Santa Barbara and an MBA from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Ellah currently serves on the Board of the LA County Library Foundation and the Center for Nonprofit Management.

Director of Strategy & Culture, DoGoodery

April 2021 - Present

- Steward the development and implementation of agencywide strategy and ensure fidelity to the mission and vision.
- Support the development and implementation of special initiatives and strategic partnerships.
- Ensure a thriving culture where everyone feels empowered, supported, and provided with the resources needed for success.
- Identify opportunities to leverage existing resources, improve current processes, and maximize staff talent.

Senior Program Officer, Public Policy & Strategic Partnerships, CA Community Foundation

January 2017 - April 2021

- Led an initiative of cross-sector partners that has brought over \$600M in government and private funding to Los Angeles County.
- Led the LA County CARES for Food Security initiative, a \$20M grant program to support food security in LA County.
- Managing Funder of the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative, a funder collaborative that offers capacity building and support services for nonprofit strategic restructuring.
- Developed, supported, and convened networks of the philanthropic, nonprofit, public, private, and academic sectors to develop partnerships, establish goals, and implement strategies.

Program Officer, Annenberg Foundation

January 2013 - December 2016

- Piloted an innovative initiative aimed at leveraging philanthropic dollars to attract significant government funding to Los Angeles County.
- Developed strategic partnerships and convened cross-sector stakeholders at the local, state, and national level.
- Represented the foundation in multiple settings, including conferences and meetings with high-level stakeholders.
- Supported the award of over \$180M in public and private grant funding, including a \$70M U.S. Department of Energy grant.
- Established program frameworks, performance standards and quality assurance requirements.